

PROSPEROUS YEAR AT HOME

Destitute Children Cared for in Increasing Numbers.

President's Report Shows What Could Be Accomplished with Greater Amount of Money—Infant Department Needs Nurses.

The board of managers of the home for destitute children held its annual meeting Thursday afternoon. The president's report was read and the following elections made for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. L. B. Platt.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. P. Smith.
Secretary—Miss Mary Roberts.
Auditor—Miss C. E. Platt.
Board of managers—Mrs. C. P. Smith, Mrs. H. J. Peck, Mrs. L. B. Platt, Mrs. H. J. Andrews, Miss Mary Roberts, Mrs. Harriet W. Hilekoff, Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. F. H. Parker, Mrs. C. H. Darling, Mrs. Fred H. Wells, Mrs. L. B. Low, Mrs. G. E. Tobey.

Honorary members of the board—Mrs. S. P. Torrey, Mrs. C. E. Miner, Mrs. A. G. Piers.

Advisory committee—Miss Mary C. Torrey, Robert Roberts.

County managers—Addison, Mrs. John A. Fletcher of Middlebury; Caledonia, Mrs. Walter P. Smith of St. Johnsbury; Franklin, Mrs. Daniel Moren of East Berkshire; Grand Isle, Mrs. M. L. Landon of South Hero; Lamoille, Mrs. O. W. Reynolds of Cambridge; Orleans, Mrs. Augustus Paddock of Craftsbury; Rutland, Mrs. E. L. Hall of Rutland; Washington, Mrs. Newton P. Nye of Barre; Windham, Mrs. J. M. Tyler of Brattleboro; Windsor, Mrs. S. E. Pinfrey of Hartford.

The report of the president, Mrs. L. B. Platt, was as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

This is the 4th annual report of the home for destitute children, and if it could show our debt of \$25,000 cancelled it would be most satisfactory. In the past four years this debt has been reduced from \$25,000 by the generosity of the friends of little children. Two thousand dollars of this amount has been given this year.

For 45 years the home has been in our State and it has cared for many hundreds of children in that time. A report which would tell us what the children have done for the homes they have gone into, what they have done for the communities in which they have lived, and what they have done for the State, would be gratifying and of great interest. It is always a temptation to tell you of the work the home has done. The results we are able to know and see and, although our work done is our greatest help, it is the future, and still more the present, with which the annual report must deal. This home is known to the friends of the State as an efficient agent in caring for little children who are wholly destitute, or those who temporarily have no home. The managers prefer always to have a child surrendered to the home, and by surrendering we mean legally given over to the institution, but we do take children for a short period of time if a father or mother has died and there is no one to care for the children, or in cases of cruelty or desertion we take the children until the parents or relatives can make a place for the little ones.

MANAGEMENT.

For our surrendered children we find homes. The children are always sent out on trial, a careful investigation is made as to the character of the people taking the child, and always the home is visited. Here the child manager could be of the greatest assistance. We have not money enough to visit the children as often as they should be visited.

Each county has its managers, and if they would take the responsibility that is meant to be taken, for which they are elected, and have the children in homes for the children and see that they are happy in their homes, they would be doing not only what is expected of them, but a good work.

The home tries to make a careful investigation before placing a child in a family, but a manager could be invaluable in his help. We have cared for 13 babies. These mean caring for five at one time. We have room for 14 under three years of age. A large number of these we have cared for have been adopted.

MANUAL TRAINING AND GIFTS.

The older children all go to the public schools, but there is need for manual training for the boys. The girls are taught to help in many ways about the house, and taught to do well what they do, and the older boys are taught to do that is a part of the home management. The home should give the boys some manual training, in carpentry, or any of the crafts that fit a boy for a self-support.

A HARD STRUGGLE

Many a Burlington Citizen Finds the Struggle Hard.

With a back constantly aching. With distressing urinary disorders. Daily existence is but a struggle. No need to keep it up.

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Resistant people endorse this claim:

Mrs. C. G. Gifford, 250 North St., Burlington, Vt., says: "I am now cured from a most distressing case of kidney trouble. I had been taking kidney pills for several years, but they did me no good. I had been taking them for four or five years. I had had many pains in my kidneys. Mornings my back felt lame and sore for an hour or two after I arose and if I took cold, it always made me suffering more intense. When my daughter procured Doan's Kidney Pills for me at the drug store, I was cured. I was cured in my bed, but after I had used them a few days, I could see that they were helping me. By the time I had finished the contents of one box of Doan's Kidney Pills, I was able to be up and attend to my work without a symptom of my old trouble. I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a most wonderful preparation and do not hesitate one moment in giving them my endorsement."

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